

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	K. TAKAHASHI et al.	Confirmation No.: 3101
Serial No.:	10/822,663	
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For:	AUTOMATIC ANALYZER	
Group:	1797	
Examiner:	P. Kathryn Wright	

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 29, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended three months to expire January 29, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.